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## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

**Monday, June 29, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 18, 2020), the General Assembly meeting will only be conducted via video/teleconferencing.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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### **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONNECT VIA DIAL IN OPTION, PLEASE CALL 760-346-1127.**

Public Comment is encouraged to be emailed to the General Assembly prior to the meeting at [cvag@cvag.org](mailto:cvag@cvag.org) by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the committee meeting. Comments intended to be read aloud should be no more than 300 characters.

**THIS MEETING IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.  
ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Chairman

**2. ROLL CALL**

**A. Member Roster**

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**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the General Assembly on agenda items. At the discretion of the Chair, comments may be taken at the time items are presented. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**A. In Memoriam: Corky Larson**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve the June 24, 2019 General Assembly Minutes**

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**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Resolution No. 20-004 adopting CVAG's 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions – Gary Leong**

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**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 20-004 adopting CVAG's 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions.

**B. CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2020/2021 – Erica Felci**

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**Recommendation:** Elect the representative from the City of Indio to serve as FY 2020/2021 Chair and the representative from the City of Palm Springs to serve as FY 2020/2021 Vice Chair.

**7. PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time and place for members of the public to address the General Assembly on items of general interest within the purview of this committee. Please limit comments to two (2) minutes.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

**Executive Committee – Monday, September 28, 2020, 4:30 p.m.**

**General Assembly – Monday, June 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

**ITEM 2A**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
General Assembly  
June 29, 2020**

**CITY OF BLYTHE**

Mayor Dale Reynolds  
Vice Mayor Eric Egan  
Councilmember Joseph DeConinck  
Councilmember Joseph Halby III  
Councilmember Johnny Rodriguez

**CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY**

Mayor John Aguilar  
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory  
Councilmember Mark Carnevale  
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez  
Councilmember Rita Lamb

**CITY OF COACHELLA**

Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Pro Tem Emmanuel Martinez  
Councilmember Philip Bautista  
Councilmember Megan Beaman Jacinto  
Councilmember Josie Gonzalez

**CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Griffith  
Councilmember Russell Betts  
Councilmember Gary Gardner  
Councilmember Jan Pye

**CITY OF INDIAN WELLS**

Mayor Ty Peabody  
Mayor Pro Tem Dana Reed  
Councilmember Richard Balocco  
Councilmember Ted Mertens  
Councilmember Kimberly Muzik

**CITY OF INDIO**

Mayor Glenn Miller  
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes  
Councilmember Waymond Fermon  
Councilmember Oscar Ortiz  
Councilmember Lupe Ramos Amith

**CITY OF LA QUINTA**

Mayor Linda Evans  
Mayor Pro Tem John Peña  
Councilmember Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Councilmember Robert Radi  
Councilmember Steve Sanchez

**CITY OF PALM DESERT**

Mayor Gina Nestande  
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Kelly  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan  
Councilmember Susan Marie Weber

**CITY OF PALM SPRINGS**

Mayor Geoff Kors  
Mayor Pro Tem Christy Holstege  
Councilmember Grace Garner  
Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Councilmember Dennis Woods

**CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE**

Mayor G. Dana Hobart  
Mayor Pro Tem Ted Weill  
Councilmember Richard W. Kite  
Councilmember Charles Townsend  
Councilmember Iris Smotrich

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel  
Supervisor Chuck Washington  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt

**AGUA CALIENTE  
BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS**

Tribal Chair Jeff L. Grubbe  
Tribal Vice-Chair Reid Milanovich  
Tribal Sec/Treas Vincent Gonzales III  
Tribal Member Jessica Norte  
Tribal Member Anthony W. Purnel

**CABAZON BAND OF MISSION  
INDIANS**

Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas  
Tribal Vice Chair San Juanita Callaway  
Tribal Sec/Treas Helen Ruth Callaway  
Tribal Liaison Alexis Nichols  
Tribal Member at Large Brenda Soulliere

**ITEM 5A****GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019****1. CALL TO ORDER**

The June 24, 2019 General Assembly meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Acting Chair Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Chairman, at the Agua Caliente Casino Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage.

Executive Director Tom Kirk thanked the sponsors for the evening's event. Mr. Kirk also recognized dignitaries from CVAG's partner agencies.

**2. ROLL CALL**

It was determined that a quorum was present.

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>
Mayor Dale Reynolds	City of Blythe
Vice Mayor Eric Egan	City of Blythe
Mayor Pro Tem John Aguilar	City of Cathedral City
Councilmember Raymond Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Councilmember Ernesto Gutierrez	City of Cathedral City
Mayor Steven Hernandez	City of Coachella
Mayor Scott Matas	City of Desert Hot Springs
Mayor Pro Tem Jan Pye	City of Desert Hot Springs
Councilmember Russell Betts	City of Desert Hot Springs
Councilmember Gary Gardner	City of Desert Hot Springs
Mayor Ted Mertens	City of Indian Wells
Mayor Pro Tem Ty Peabody	City of Indian Wells
Councilmember Richard Balocco	City of Indian Wells
Councilmember Dana Reed	City of Indian Wells
Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith	City of Indio
Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Miller	City of Indio
Councilmember Elaine Holmes	City of Indio
Mayor Linda Evans	City of La Quinta
Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Fitzpatrick	City of La Quinta
Councilmember Steve Sanchez	City of La Quinta
Councilmember Robert Radi	City of La Quinta

Councilmember Jan Harnik	City of Palm Desert
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan	City of Palm Desert
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	City of Palm Desert
Mayor Robert Moon	City of Palm Springs
Mayor Iris Smotrich	City of Rancho Mirage
Mayor Pro Tem Dana Hobart	City of Rancho Mirage
Councilmember Richard Kite	City of Rancho Mirage
Councilmember Charles Townsend	City of Rancho Mirage
Councilmember Ted Weill	City of Rancho Mirage
Transportation Director Patty Romo	County of Riverside 1 <sup>st</sup> District
Supervisor Karen Spiegel	County of Riverside 2 <sup>nd</sup> District
CEO George Johnson	County of Riverside 3 <sup>rd</sup> District
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez	County of Riverside 4 <sup>th</sup> District
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt	County of Riverside 5 <sup>th</sup> District
Tribal Chairman Jeff Grubbe	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Vice Chair Larry Olinger	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Charlie McClendon	Eugene Abrego	Adriana Vizcarra
Bill Pattison	Dilesh Sheth	Dawn Castligione
Chuck Maynard	Nick Low	Jim Karpak
Luke Rainey	Ingrid Mar	Diana Rosas
Rebecca Deming	Mike Rose	Patrick O'Dowd
Chris Freeland	Bob Hargreaves	Carole Rogers
Ken Seumalo	Tammy Martin	Wendy Jonathan
Mark Scott	Bill Blankenship	Jeremy Godman
Gad Amith	Damian Fussel	Janell Percy
Jon McMillen	Erica Harnik	Harold Ames
Lauri Aylaian	Clint Lorimore	JD Douglas
Marcus Fuller	Margaret Lukman	Anne Azzu
Isaiah Hagerman	Nancy De Luna	Kevin Higgins
Jesse Eckenroth	Brian Rix	Jimmy Lin
Gabe Codding	Jackie McAndrew	Erin Sasse
Kristie Ramos	Ulices Mora	Linda Ray
Pat Cooper	Chris Shepardson	Rosie Rivera
Margarita Felix	Luz Quinnell	Christopher Alberts
Brian Nestande	Scott Quinnell	Jerusalem Verano
Misty Reynolds	Jacqueline Lopez	Rebecca Young
Greg Rodriguez	Beatrice Eslamboly	Mark Lemming
Mike Romo	Cameron Barrows	Taylor Libolt-Varner
Boomer Shannon	Mike Brundige	Randy Duncan
Lisa Brandl	Daniella Cowle	Arden Wallum
Tom Davis	Amy Druyon	Nancy Wright
Kate Anderson	Kate Francis	Ernie Figueroa
Margaret Park	Carmina Zavala	Scott Neff
John Plata	Susan Leong	Alan Pace

John Cox	Vianka Orrantia	Aaron Hake
Bryan Elenes	Mike McDonagh	Lorelle Moe-Luna
Leo Lee	Terri McDonagh	Teresa Travino
Virginia Or	Larry Rhoton	Vincent Battaglia
Ruben Gamez-Ramirez	Randon Lane	Lauren Skiver
Lea Goodsell	David Salgado	Vicky Casteneda
Barb Jennings	Consuelos Arias	John Criste
Nate Lewis	Josie Bernal	Nicole Criste
Matt McPherson	Joan Taylor	Rick Bishop
Haden Nix	Sandra Cuellar	Princess Hester
Paul Rodriguez	Bill Jahn	Crystal Crawford
Mark Baza	Jo Jahn	
Deborah McGarry	John Fitzpatrick	

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Gary Leong  
Katie Barrows  
Martin Magana  
Jim Sullivan  
Eric Cowle  
Ulrich Sauerbrey  
Cheryll Dahlin  
Ben Druyon  
Kathleen Brundige  
Erica Felci  
Lance Albrecht  
Shawn Isaac  
Joanna Stueckle  
Cindy Rhoton  
Oscar Vizcarra  
Murray Quance  
Libby Carlson  
Cynthia Ramirez  
Jodi Adams  
Mike Jenkins, CVAG Legal Counsel

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Indio Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith led the General Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **4. TRIBAL REMARKS**

Acting Chair Grubbe welcomed General Assembly guests.

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA TO:

- A. APPROVE THE JUNE 25, 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
- B. APPROVE REVISIONS TO CVAG'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO REFLECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- C. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CVAG'S BY-LAWS TO ESTABLISH ROTATION OF CVAG CHAIRMANSHIP AND CLARIFY CVAG'S TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 38 AYES AND 27 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS	AYE
VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR SCOTT MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER	AYE
MAYOR TED MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCHO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED	AYE
MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR LINDA EVANS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY	AYE
MAYOR ROBERT MOON	AYE
MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL	AYE
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO	AYE
SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL	AYE
CEO GEORGE JOHNSON	AYE
SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT	AYE

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE	AYE
VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL	AYE

**7. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Resolution No. 19-001 Adopting CVAG's 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions – Gary Leong

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF COACHELLA AND SECONDED BY THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 19-001 ADOPTING CVAG'S 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND ALLOCATED POSITIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 38 AYES AND 27 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS	AYE
VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR SCOTT MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER	AYE
MAYOR TED MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED	AYE
MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR LINDA EVANS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY	AYE
MAYOR ROBERT MOON	AYE
MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL	AYE
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO	AYE
SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL	AYE
CEO GEORGE JOHNSON	AYE
SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT	AYE

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE	AYE
VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL	AYE

**B. 2019 Executive Committee Chairmanship Recommendation**

IT WAS MOVED BY THE CITY OF LA QUINTA AND SECONDED BY THE CITY OF PALM DESERT TO ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS, AS FY 2019/2020 CVAG CHAIR AND THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF INDIO AS THE FY 2019/2020 CVAG VICE CHAIR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 38 AYES AND 27 MEMBERS ABSENT.

MAYOR DALE REYNOLDS	AYE
VICE MAYOR ERIC EGAN	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN AGUILAR	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ERNESTO GUTIERREZ	AYE
MAYOR STEVEN HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR SCOTT MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM JAN PYE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RUSSELL BETTS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GARY GARDNER	AYE
MAYOR TED MERTENS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM TY PEABODY	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD BALOCCO	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER DANA REED	AYE
MAYOR LUPE RAMOS AMITH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM GLENN MILLER	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ELAINE HOLMES	AYE
MAYOR LINDA EVANS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM KATHLEEN FITZPATRICK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SANCHEZ	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JAN HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER SABBY JONATHAN	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER KATHLEEN KELLY	AYE
MAYOR ROBERT MOON	AYE
MAYOR IRIS SMOTRICH	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM DANA HOBART	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD KITE	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES TOWNSEND	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER TED WEILL	AYE
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR PATTY ROMO	AYE
SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL	AYE
CEO GEORGE JOHNSON	AYE
SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIRMAN JEFF GRUBBE	AYE
VICE CHAIR LARRY OLINGER	AYE

**TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY PURNEL** **AYE**

**8. PRESENTATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**A. Celebration of Coachella Valley Conservation Commission**

**B. Keynote Address: Cameron Barrows, PhD**

La Quinta Mayor Linda Evans, who is chair of the CVCC, took the stage to give introductory remarks. Dr. Cameron Barrows gave a presentation on habitat conservation efforts in the Coachella Valley. Dr. Barrows discussed progress made because of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP) and held a brief question-and-answer period at the conclusion the presentation.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings:

**Executive Committee – Monday, September 30, 2019, 4:30 p.m.**

**General Assembly – Monday, June 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chair Grubbe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

Joanna Stueckle  
Executive Assistant

**ITEM 6A**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
General Assembly  
June 29, 2020**



**Staff Report**

**Subject:** **Resolution No. 20-004 adopting CVAG's 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions**

**Contact:** Gary Leong, Deputy Executive Director ([gleong@cvag.org](mailto:gleong@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 20-004 adopting CVAG's 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Annual Budget, Salary Schedule, and Allocated Positions.

**Executive Committee:** Action will be announced at the General Assembly meeting

**Finance Committee:** Approved moving the proposed FY 2020/2021 budget forward to the Executive Committee for review and consideration (Meeting of June 11, 2018)

**Background:** The proposed FY 2020/21 Budget is presented for your approval. The Finance Committee have reviewed the proposed budget and recommend approval. To date, staff has not received any comments on the FY 2020/21 Budget and as such, no changes were made to the Draft Budget presented to the Executive Committee at their June 1st meeting

The CVAG FY 2020/2021 budget is available using the following link:

[http://www.cvag.org/downloads/admin/exec/CVAG\\_FY2020-2021\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.cvag.org/downloads/admin/exec/CVAG_FY2020-2021_Budget.pdf)

**Fiscal Analysis:** The fiscal impact on each department and on CVAG is detailed in the Proposed Budget document.

**RESOLUTION NO.20-004**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
ADOPTING THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR  
ANNUAL BUDGET, SALARY SCHEDULE, AND  
ALLOCATED POSITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2020/2021 fiscal year annual budget is a balanced budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020/2021 fiscal year proposed operating budget is a 5.3% decrease from the 2019/2020 fiscal year operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, CVAG is proposing staffing at 18 full time allocated positions in the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, no cost of living increase and no merit increases for the current fiscal year is proposed, as approved by the Administrative/Personnel Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, no Consumer Price Index increase on the base membership dues for the current fiscal year is proposed, as approved by the Administrative/Personnel Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, CVAG maintains a General Reserve of approximately one time operating expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The General Assembly adopts the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Annual Budget.
2. The General Assembly adopts the CVAG Salary Schedule.
3. The General Assembly adopts the allocation of CVAG positions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the General Assembly of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, County of Riverside, State of California on June 29, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Grubbe, Chair  
CVAG

Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Kirk  
Executive Director

**ITEM 6B**

**Coachella Valley Association of Governments  
General Assembly  
June 29, 2020**



**Staff Report**

**Subject:** CVAG Officer Rotation for FY 2020/2021

**Contact:** Erica Felci, Governmental Projects Manager ([efelci@cvag.org](mailto:efelci@cvag.org))

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**Recommendation:** Elect the representative from the City of Indio to serve as FY 2020/2021 Chair and the representative from the City of Palm Springs to serve as FY 2020/2021 Vice Chair.

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee is considering this item at its June 29 meeting.

**Background:** The CVAG Executive Committee annually provides a nomination for the CVAG officers to the General Assembly, which meets each June. CVAG's current officers are the representative from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians serving as CVAG Chair and the representative from the City of Indio serving as Vice Chair.

In 2019, the CVAG Executive Committee discussed the need for a more formal process of choosing the incoming officers. This led to an update to the CVAG By-Laws, which established a rotation that would elect a member jurisdiction's representative rather than a specific individual. The rotation established by the 2019 By-Laws change is as follows: *Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Indio, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Palm Springs, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Rancho Mirage, Riverside County's Fourth Supervisorial District, Blythe, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Cathedral City, Indian Wells, and Riverside County's Fifth Supervisorial District*. New members, such as the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, will be added last in order to the rotation once their Joint Powers Authority addendums are finalized.

Under the rotation outlined in the By-Laws, the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians would next be in line for the Vice Chair position. However, the By-Laws also have an attendance clause, stating that "commencing in fiscal year 2020/2021, the jurisdiction next in order to serve as an officer will be passed over and moved to the end of the rotation if its representative or alternative have not attended seventy-five percent or more of the Executive Committee meetings in the previous year." The Cabazon Band of Mission Indians attended one meeting in the current fiscal year; therefore, do not meet the threshold to be named as Vice Chair. The next jurisdiction in the rotation is the City of Palm Springs, which staff is recommending as the next Vice Chair.

Consistent with the By-Laws, the officer recommendations were vetted by members of the Administrative/ Personnel Committee in advance of the June 29 Executive Committee meeting. CVAG staff did not receive any objections to the nomination of the City of Indio for the FY 2020/2021 Chair and the City of Palm Springs for the FY 2020/2021 Vice Chair.

The recommendation will be presented to the Executive Committee at the June 29 meeting, and staff can provide a verbal update on the nomination at the General Assembly meeting.

**Fiscal analysis:** There is no additional fiscal impact as CVAG officers receive the same per diem as other members.

**Attachment:** [CVAG By-Laws Update as adopted by the 2019 General Assembly](#)